OPINION 1441

Elater bimaculatus Rossi, 1790 (currently *Drasterius bimaculatus;* Insecta, Coleoptera): specific name conserved

Ruling

(1) Under the plenary powers the name *bimaculatus* Fourcroy, 1785, as published in the binomen *Elater bimaculatus* and all uses of this binomen prior to the publication of *Elater bimaculatus* Rossi, 1790 are hereby suppressed for the purposes of both the Principle of Priority and the Principle of Homonymy.

(2) The name *bimaculatus* Rossi, 1790, as published in the binomen *Elater bimaculatus* (specific name of the type species of *Drasterius* Eschholz, 1829) is hereby placed on the Official List of Specific Names in Zoology.

(3) The name *bimaculatus* Fourcroy, 1785, as published in the binomen *Elater bimaculatus* and as suppressed in (1) above, is hereby placed on the Official Index of Rejected and Invalid Specific Names in Zoology.

(4) The name *Drasterius* Eschholz [=Eschscholtz], 1829 (gender: masculine), type species by subsequent designation by Westwood (1840), *Elater bimaculatus* Rossi, 1790, is hereby placed on the Official List of Generic Names in Zoology.

History of case 2345

An application for the conservation of *Elater bimaculatus* Rossi, 1790 was received from Dr M. Mroczkowski (*Polska Akademia Nauk, Warsaw, Poland*) on 22 May 1980. After correspondence a revised case was published in BZN **42**: 391–392 (December 1985). Notice of the case was given to twelve general and eleven specialist serials. No comment was received.

Decision of the Commission

On 1 December 1986 the members of the Commission were invited to vote for or against the proposals in BZN **42**: 391, with the addition of *Drasterius* Eschholz, 1829 to the Official List of Generic Names in Zoology. At the close of the voting period on 1 March 1987 the state of the voting was as follows:

Affirmative votes — 20: Alvarado, Bayer, Bernardi, Cocks, Cogger, Corliss, Dupuis, Hahn, Halvorsen, Holthuis, Kabata, Kraus, Lehtinen, Melville, Mroczkowski, Savage, Schuster, Starobogatov, Trjapitzin, Willink

Negative votes — none.

Gruchy and Ride were on leave of absence. No votes were received from Heppell, Thompson and Uéno.

Original references

The following are the original references to the names placed on Official Lists and an Official Index by the ruling in the present Opinion:

Drasterius Eschholz [=Eschscholtz], 1790, *in* Thon, *Entomologisches Archiv*, vol. 2(1), p. 33
bimaculatus, Elater, Fourcroy, 1785, *Entomologia parisiensis. . .*, (1), p. 38
bimaculatus, Elater Rossi, 1790, *Fauna etrusca. . .*, vol. 1, p. 182.

The following is the original reference to the subsequent designation of a type species for the nominal genus *Drasterius* Eschholz, 1829:

Elater bimaculatus Rossi, 1790 by Westwood, 1840, *Synopsis of the Genera of British Insects*, p. 26.